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From: Mark Levin
Sent: Tue 7/21/2015 6:46:28 PM
Subject: FW: Grout Supplies

See below – your thoughts?

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From: Jeff Stokke [mailto:jeff@surecrete.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 12:45 PM
To: Mark Levin <mark.levin@minenv.com>
Subject: RE: Grout Supplies

Mark,

The guys that we're making grout using the Type V have switched over to using a blend of

normal cement with silica fume based on a paper stating that this gives protection that is superior to the straight Type V. I think this puts me back to the beginning again as I doubt this is a battle worth your time to explore for only a pallet of grout.



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From: Mark Levin [<mailto:mark.levin@minenv.com>]

Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 1:49 PM

To: Jeff Stokke

Subject: RE: Grout Supplies

Jeff, we need a pallet at most. If you have a Type V mix that you want to quote, I would welcome it. Even if expensive, it would be better than trial and error testing here, since we need to have some within 2 weeks at most. Delivery would be to Silverton, CO.

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From: Jeff Stokke [<mailto:jeff@surecrete.com>]

Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:46 PM

To: Mark Levin

Subject: RE: Grout Supplies

I can get what you need up here but the small quantity would be a challenge as it's not an off the shelf product. If you strike out with US Mix, you may need to resort to the ultrafine. With it being such a small quantity, I doubt it would make a huge difference in your overall budget so there are some advantages to the small quantity problem.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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From: Mark Levin [<mailto:mark.levin@minenv.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:03 PM

To: Jeff Stokke

Cc: willbere@rvi.net

Subject: RE: Grout Supplies

Hi Jeff:

Thanks for getting back to me.

This particular project calls for a Type V Portland cement neat grout. As you point out, there are sources for straight Type V Portland.

As clarification, we are hoping to find a vendor who supplies a pre-mixed stable grout based on a Type V cement, with superplasticizer and shrinkage control agents, etc. already in it and some

test data behind it. I think we may have located a local vendor who can supply that. Since the quantities are very small on this job, I did not want to have to go through the mix development and testing that would be necessary if we just bought the Type V Portland and started experimenting with additives.

If the local vendor can't do it, US Grout can, although that gets us into more costly microfine, which is beyond the specs, but not harmful.

The microfine/ultrafine, etc. that we used to use as a final seal for mine bulkhead contact grouting has pretty much been replaced with a pre placed chemical grout injection tube ring array – we generally use DeNeef injecto tube around the mine plug and then perform that step after the cement grouting, using a very fluid (200 centipoise) chemical grout. One big advantage is that it is very expansive, and actually seeks out water molecules to bond with. Cost is reasonable – perhaps \$1500 and the entire project is done with one 5 gallon can usually – that expands by a factor of 12 to 14 !

Since we pioneered that method at the Dinero tunnel project in 2009, it has become part of the CO state specs for mine bulkheads, and now EPA seems to be picking up on it as well, at least in this area. We include it in all the bukheads we design, when we are the designer.

There is still application for microfine, ultrafine, etc in some formation grouting, of course.. We still have some leftover pallets of Nittetsu that we got from you guys a long time ago, in storage in a container. But since we changed over to the chemical grout for final bulkhead seals, it has not had an application yet.

As far as hardware, I think we're good at the moment, but I have told our shop foreman (Thaddeus Kehr) if he needs anything more to send to the project, to give you guys a call. He is going through all the small grout stuff now and may do that once we see what is missing or damaged from the last few jobs.

Best Regards,

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From: Jeff Stokke [<mailto:jeff@surecrete.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:07 PM

To: Mark Levin

Cc: brooke@surecrete.com

Subject: RE: Grout Supplies

Mark,

Apparently Type 5 cement in 94 lb. bags is readily available in Denver / Salt Lake and most places keep 2 or 3 pallets in stock. If you need more, figure a week just to be on the safe side. All the plugs we've been involved with had the contractor go back and skin grout using ultrafine as well as the Portland just to make sure there is no seepage between plug and mine wall, but these were all acidic water jobs so that might not be the case at your job.

What else would you need? Hoses, packers, grout plants etc? I think Fred said something about admixtures. If you're looking for a small amount of superplasticizer I would bum some off of your ready mix guys, but let me know.

I think your gal called to confirm you had an account so we're good to go if you need to order

something.



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From: Mark Levin [<mailto:mark.levin@minenv.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 2:53 PM

To: Jeff Stokke/ Surecrete Inc.,

Cc: thaddeus28kehr@gmail.com

Subject: Grout Supplies

Hi Jeff:

Please give me a call. I need to order some grouting supplies. Was talking with Fred and I'm

not sure he understood me.

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From: Jeff Stokke/ Surecrete Inc., [<mailto:jeff@surecrete.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 6:31 PM

To: Mark Levin

Subject: Re: Bagged Grout Mix - Quote request

Hi Mark,

Having a batch plant near is a real luxury for a mine project. It's what I would do as well. Not applicable here as I don't want to get into your ready mix guys business but we have a line waterproofing products that are equal to xypex and kryton, but less expensive. Just keep us in mind.

Jeff

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Mark Levin <mark.levin@minenv.com> wrote:

Jeff, for the bulkhead itself, we'll be able to have a local batch plant make our standard SCC mix with 3% Xypex and deliver it to the site in ready mix trucks, so mixing super sacked small batches would not be desirable, especially as there likely will be volume well in excess of 80 CY.

I'll keep your bagged product in mind for future sites without nearby ready mix plants or access suitable for volumetric mix truck.

There is a potential for a larger grouting program being required which may necessitate larger volume super sacked product.

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Jeff Stokke <jeff@surecrete.com> wrote:

Hello Mark,

What are you using for concrete for the plug? We did a very reasonably priced and flowable bag mix for Holden Mine last year. The mix was mixed in an auger mixer and then into a concrete pump. This was not the fastest, but if you could get an old ready mix truck up there you would be in business. We could get this mix out of Portland.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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From: Mark Levin [<mailto:mark.levin@minenv.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 4:50 PM

To: Fred Sherrill

Subject: Re: Bagged Grout Mix - Quote request

OK thanks!

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Fred Sherrill <Fred@surecrete.com> wrote:

Hi Mark,

4 Pallets = (168) 55# Bags of Target 1118 Grout

Your cost: \$2,987.00 FOB Seattle Warehouse

I'm waiting to hear back from someone to give you a good rate on freight—I should have something for you tomorrow AM.

Call me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Fred Sherrill

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From: Mark Levin [<mailto:mark.levin@minenv.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:01 AM

To: Fred A. Sherrill; nicole@surecrete.com

Subject: Bagged Grout Mix - Quote request

Hi Fred / Nicole:

We are looking for some grout mix for a mine bulkeading job at the Formosa mine, near Medford, Oregon. We are looking for something less expensive than a superfine type grout. This would be for injecting the rock around the bulkhead perimeter, using holes to about 12 ft depth to prevent leakage through the blast shattered area.

Can you quote in pallet quantities and also send spec sheets, please? I will need bag pricing and also typical yield per bag.

Thanks,

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